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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been a customer of a small, independent ISP for many years. I chose them because they respect my privacy and do not attempt to exploit my internet activity for their own profit.

This cannot be said of any of the major providers. They charge more than my provider, constantly raise rates, set unjustifiable limits on the amount of bandwidth I can use in a billing period, snoop on my internet activity and sell the information gained for their own profit.

Internet is the main source of information to the citizenry of today, and to allow one group of companies deny access to competitors flies in the face of true competition in the market place. This petition is solely designed to allow the government to pick winners and losers, with the biggest bank account having the loudest voice.

I also have as my main phone service a POTS line, which provides me with a lasting identity for my activities at stores, businesses and government offices. To lose this wireline service would mean having to recreate that identity.

USTelecom and their petition is nothing more than a power grab and an attempt to have government decide they should be the only providers, instead of letting the marketplace decide. They are brutal monopolists who do not deserve special treatment.

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